

South Bay Model Shipwrights

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Fig.1. 19th Century folk art item often referred to as a “Sailor’s Valentine” from the collection of the **South Street Seaport Museum**, New York City. (**South Street Seaport Museum**)



Happy Valentines!



Future Course Headings...

- **Wednesday, March 6, 2024 Sometime in Afternoon. Arrival of Tall Ship, Stad Amsterdam under Golden Gate Bridge.**



Fig. 2. Dutch tall ship, *Stad Amsterdam* passing under Golden Gate Bridge. This ship is scheduled to arrive under the Golden Gate Bridge Wednesday, March 6 sometime in the afternoon. (*Stad Amsterdam*)

Courtesy of **Vikas Kapur**, I have been alerted to the upcoming arrival of the Dutch tall ship, ***Stad Amsterdam*** (Fig. 2), to San Francisco in the afternoon of Wednesday, March 6 during its 2 year round-the-world tour. The ship can be watched from the Golden Gate Bridge and its environs, the St. Francis Yacht Club and anywhere along the Marina. Bring binoculars! The ship will be docked at **Piers 30/32** until **March 23**. Here are more details of this visit by the ship's commodore.

Dear Master Mariners,

The **[Stad Amsterdam](#)** is a modern 76-metre sailing vessel. Built during 1997 to 2000, her lines and production reflect traditional boatbuilding hallmarks of the late nineteenth century. Honoring that era's fast ocean

clippers, the merchant trading vessel Amsterdam (1854) serves as inspiration for the design. She is the official sailing ship of her namesake city. The idea to build a tall ship came to light during SAIL Amsterdam 1995, when members of city leadership and private industry came together. An essential program aboard the ship is providing young people with work opportunities, skills training and experiences for personal and social growth.

In August 2023, Clipper **Stad Amsterdam** embarked on a two-year voyage around the world, with stops in Tokyo, Shanghai, Sydney, Mumbai, Cape Town, New York City, London and more. The ship returns to home port August 2025; timing coincides with SAIL Amsterdam, an international festival of tall ships which happens once every five years.

The Stad Amsterdam's estimated arrival under the Golden Gate Bridge is on March 6th **in the afternoon - I will send more specific timing the day before.** **Matthew Turner** and/or **Seaward** will be the official welcoming vessel. **Potomac** and the **San Francisco fireboat** are invited. We already have several MMBA boats planning to welcome her in, so please join us! Monitor channel 72 on your VHF. **Please RSVP to melissa.flick@sfmastermariners.org.**

The ship will park at **Piers 30/32** while in the San Francisco area until **March 23rd**. The current leg of the trip is crew only (no passengers) - it carries a crew of 30. The Skipper is from Copenhagen, [Sune Blinkenberg](#), Master Mariner | MBA in shipping. The crew must quarantine onboard for 3 days as soon as they arrive. As of this date, no public tours are announced - the ship and crew have private events all days. 2018 was her last time to visit.

Credit to Stad Amsterdam and Martha Blanchfield (who will be in contact with the vessel that day) for the picture and information.

NEW EVENT: If unable to welcome the Stad Amsterdam on the water, please join the **Yachtman's Lunch** at the **St. Francis YC** (in the usual dining room) starting at **11:30am**. The buffet lunch is **\$24** payable at the door.

The **Guest Speaker (12:30-1:30pm)** is Photographer **Chris Ray**, who is sharing his new book of photographs of our vessels! He will be speaking

about the decades he has photographed the wooden ships on the bay during the Jessica Cup and the MMBA Regatta. Our very own Ken Inouye will be there taking down notes on the vessels in Chris' book.

Please RSVP/Contact Terry Klaus at tgklaus@aol.com or (510) 207-4656 to put you on the guest list for the Lunch.

Either of these is a great way to spend a Wednesday!

Sincerely,

Hans List
Commodore
S/V Sequestor



Fig. 3. The SBMS in-person group meeting at the Game Kastle, Santa Clara, on Feb. 10, 2024 enjoying ship models and Chinese pastries for Chinese New Years, the year of the dragon. From left to right, **Clare Hess, George Sloup, Jim Tortorici, Jack Lindley, Jim Rhetta, Walt Hlavacek, and Jacob Cohn.** (photo Ken Lum)

We had a larger than usual crowd (Fig. 2) for our February 10th meeting including Jack Lindley who has not been able to come in a long time. But for

Chinese New Years, the effort was well worth it for the delicious pastries, coffee courtesy of George Sloup, and the camaraderie!

Also, our meetings for March are below.

- **Saturday, March 9, 2024, 2 PM: In-person SBMS**

meeting, As usual, our in-person meeting for next month will be on **Saturday, March 9 at 2 PM** at the **Game Kastle** in Santa Clara at:

Game Kastle
1350 Coleman Ave
Santa Clara, CA
(408) 243-4263

- **Thursday, March 21, 7 PM: Monthly Zoom meeting.**

And then our monthly Zoom meeting will be **Thursday, March 21 at 7 PM** so the Zoom specs will be sent out just before the meeting. Keep an eye on your inbox!

- **Saturday, May 4 or Sunday, May 5: Hermione**

Celebration. Prez Jim Rhetta has announced that the celebration of the 1780 arrival of the French frigate, ***Hermione***, carrying **Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette** to join George Washington's Continental Army during the American War of Independence will be on the weekend of **May 4 or 5**. The event will be held at:

Emerson Montessori School
2800 W Bayshore Rd.
Palo Alto, CA 94303

So, hopefully, we can finish some projects relevant to French Naval practice of the late 18th and early 19th Centuries for display at a club showcase table being arranged for the South Bay Model Shipwrights.



Fig. 4. Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834) (Wikipedia)

During the American Revolution, Lafayette was a French aristocrat who became convinced that it was a noble cause and lobbied the French government for aid to the Americans. Not hard as the French had mostly been adversaries of the English for centuries before. He also commanded Continental Army troops during the **Siege of Yorktown** in 1781 which led to the defeat of British troops under General Cornwallis during that last battle of the war.

Following his activities in America, Lafayette returned to France where he participated in the French Revolution and, fortunately, managed to escape the guillotine although he spent 5 years in an Austrian prison. Napoleon Bonaparte secured his release in 1797, and he afterwards served in the Chamber of Deputies in the French Parliament until his retirement. He died at age 76 in 1834 and is buried in Paris under soil from Bunker Hill. He is now regarded as a hero both in America and in France being called "The Hero of the Two Worlds".

• **Saturday, June 15, 2024: IPMS Silicon Valley Classic convention.**



Fig. 5. Models entered by SBMS members in the recent 2023 **IPMS Tri-City Classic** model convention in Fremont. Left to Right: Fishing cutter, **Dana**, American Gunboat, **Arrow**, HM Schooner, **Pickle**. Close up photos of these models in the **November Foghorn**. (Jacob Cohn)

This year's **IPMS Modeling Convention** (Fig. 4) will be held at an earlier date of **Saturday, June 15**. As like 2023, this convention will be held at:

**Fremont Elks Lodge
38991 Farwell Dr.
Fremont, CA**

Bring a finished model to this convention. Last year, Jacob Cohn and Clare Hess won prizes for outstanding craftsmanship!

- **July 25-28 and August 1-4: Santa Clara Co. Fair.**



It has been a while since the SBMS participated in a County Fair, and Prez Jim Rhetta suggested we participate in an exhibition of our handiwork at the **Santa Clara Co. Fair** which is scheduled for **July 25-28 and August 1-4** at the:

**Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Rd.
San Jose, CA 95111
Website: <https://thefair.org>**

A poster of our proposed exhibition is due for submission **May 15** and members are needed to staff our table. More on this closer to the date.



Maritime Matters of the Month (Ken Lum)

- **Clare Hess's changes to the SBMS website.** Having taken over our club website, Clare Hess has started reconfiguring it. Please check it out at:

<https://sbmodelships.com>

The initial revision of our website is to place a list of upcoming club events on the home page. So, if you want to know more about what relevant events

are coming up for our club, please check the front page of the website and/or check the first pages of the latest **Foghorn** also. Hopefully, this will increase traffic to our site to inform others of our activities.

Clare is interested in your impressions and suggestions. You can let him know via email at: catopower@mac.com. Eventually, other items, most especially the **Foghorn**, will be archived on the website for everyone to look at as we move along.

• **Ukraine sinks Russian landing ship, *Caesar Kunikov*.**

The tragic Russo-Ukrainian war has now been going on for two years and, after initial setbacks, the Russians are now making some headway in the East reflecting the effect of superior resources and perhaps learning new lessons.

However, in the Black Sea, the Ukrainians are continuing to show surprising naval resilience at sea, especially with expertly using water-borne drones to great effect. Some of these encounters are reflected in the early sinking of the Russian guided missile cruiser, ***Moskva***, on April 14, 2022. For more on that, check out the April, May, and December 2022 issues of the **Foghorn** as well as searching reports from the press.

More recently, on February 14, 2024, near the second anniversary of the sinking of the ***Moskva***, the Russian landing ship, ***Caesar Kunikov*** (Fig. 6), was attacked and heavily damaged by sea-drones punching holes into the port side of the ship leading to its sinking. Remote video taken of the attack from a drone has been released to the press showing explosions on the ***Kunikov*** (Fig. 7, 8, 9).



Fig. 6. Russian landing ship, ***Caesar Kunikov*** as seen in 2003. (Luis Díaz-Bedia Astor) The bow has two doors in the front that can open to disgorge cargo.



Fig. 7. Mushroom cloud from sea-drone impacting *Caesar Kunikov*. (Ukrainian Defense Forces)



Fig. 8. Fiery hole blown into port side of *Caesar Kunikov* below the superstructure. (Ukrainian Defense Forces)



Fig. 9. View into the burning hole punched into side of *Caesar Kunikov*. (Ukrainian Defense Forces)

To date, the Ukraine military, through the press, has claimed disabling up to 25 Russian ships and one submarine amounting to one third of the Black Sea Fleet. Most of these operations used what they call the [“MAGURA” V5 drones](#) (Fig. 10) packed with 500 pounds of explosives and powered by jet ski engines. More on Ukrainian sea-drones in the December 2022 **Foghorn**.



Fig. 10. Ukrainian **Magura V5** armed drone, (Ukrainian Defense Forces)

Impressive as Ukrainian naval achievements have been, they will need US arms aid to make similar progress on land. Unfortunately, this aid is currently bottled up in the US House of Representatives due to the refusal of Speaker Michael Johnson (definitely not Magic) to bring the bill to a vote. Stay tuned for more sinister maneuvers.



Under Construction at the Model Shipyard



Fig. 11. Two boats in progress by Jacob Cohn. The unpainted hull on the left is that of Vanguard models's *HMS Speedy*. The model on the right is a card model from Shipyard of *Le Coureur*.



Fig. 12. Almost finished! The *Papegojan* from Shipyard models built by George Sloup (on the right).

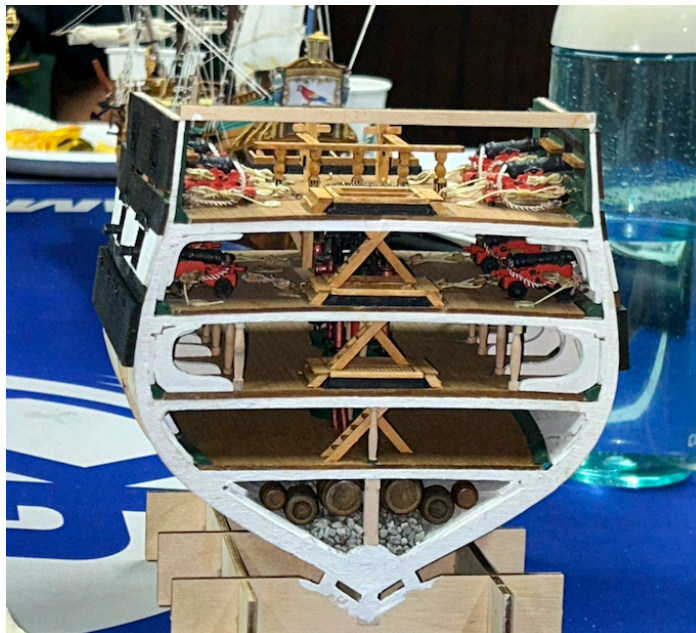


Fig. 13. Jim Tortorici's *USS Constitution* cross-section nearly finished.



Fig. 14. Model of the English cargo brig, *Leon*, being scratch-built by Dick Hixson. The *Leon* was a typical cargo brig of the latter 19th Cent. built in 1880. It was made famous by being used as a model building example by Harold Underhill for his 1958 book, “Plank-on-Frame Models” (2 volumes). Mr. Underhill’s original model is in the collection of the UK National Maritime Museum. <https://www.rmg.co.uk/collections/objects/rmgc-object-68469>



Fig. 15. Left, 1/64 scale figures made by Clare Hess on a 3 D printer. These new machines show remarkably small detail! Right-planking the hull of the ship kit *Mystique* by Corel. The planking his held in place by paper clips while being applied, The *Mystique* was an unusual ship built on a xebec hull, with square rigged main and mizzen masts and a lateen sail on the foremast.

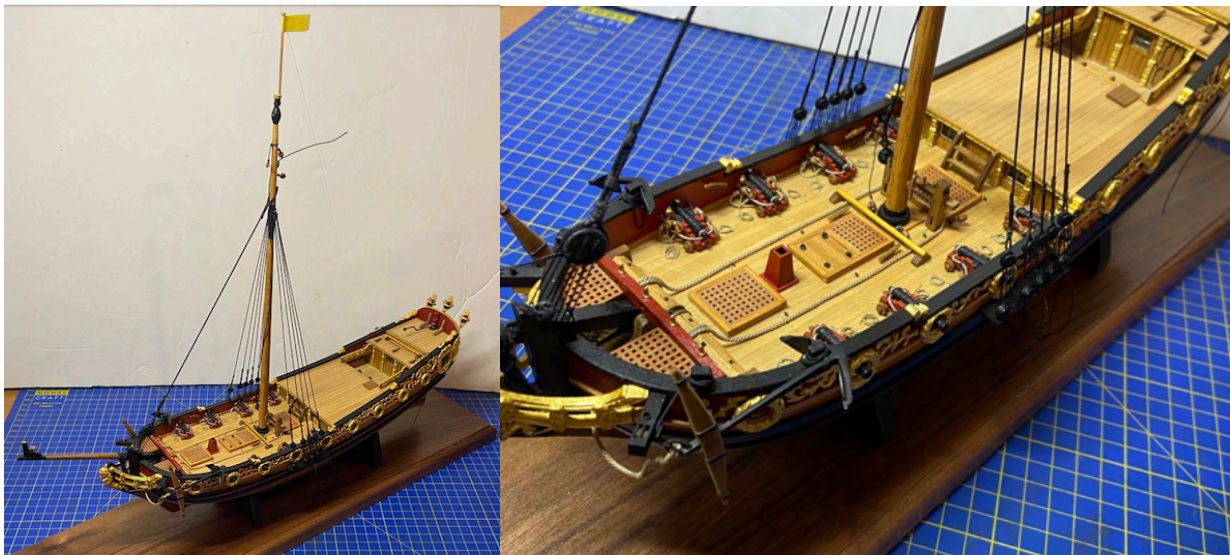


Fig. 16. Progress by Clare Hess on his **Woody Joe** kit of the *Charles Royal Yacht*, now carrying its mast and having full fittings on deck.



Fig. 17. Clare Hess's work on a rescued model of the yacht *Mary* by Mamoli/Dusek. See the May 2023 **Foghorn** for more on this model.



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Annual Club Membership

Send in your Club Membership fee with the attached renewal form. Submit a \$20 check made out to South Bay Model Shipwrights and mail to Jacob Cohn, 726 7th Ave, Redwood City, CA 94063. Mostly, we use the money to pay for our in-person meeting venues and hosting of our website (<http://www.sbmodelships.com>). Welcome Aboard!

Membership Form

Make check out for annual membership of \$20.00 to South Bay Model Shipwrights and mail to Jacob Cohn, 726 7th Ave, Redwood City, CA 94063

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